

**International Lightning Class Association
2022 North American Championship**

Blue Point, NY
14 – 18 September 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Lightning Class Association & Sayville Yacht Club, are the organizing authority.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing)*. They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142> and https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488 Also see the June 12, 2022 Executive Committee Action temporarily amending the Document Governing, Articles that Specifically Apply to North American Championship, Section XII Entries and XIII Racing Conditions. <https://lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=1005638>
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (attached)
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.5. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.5.1. RRS 27.3 is changed to add the following: “The RC or OA shall not abandon (or cancel) a scheduled race, or races, before the starting signal without approval of the Class Representative.
 - 1.5.2. RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: “Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat’s crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used.”
 - 1.5.3. RRS 44 is changed to add the following: “The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely (below the gooseneck) while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two.”
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 15 September 2022 online at www.yachtscoring.com and will be available at SYC during registration and check-in times.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
- 3.2. Other use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Eligibility for Boats, Skippers and Crew shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Document Governing. Each US and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the NAC by participating or registering in their respective District Championship Regatta. Participants may register in advance of qualifying, but failure to complete the qualification process will void entry.
- 4.2. Competitors from outside North America are welcome and encouraged to participate. No further permission is required. Per Executive Committee Action, June 12, 2022 .
- 4.3. One or more skippers from the Women's, Juniors and Masters fleets, not previously qualified through their District, may be entitled to enter the 2022 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the Document Governing.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee(s) by 1700 on Wednesday September 14, 2022. Registration is online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.5. When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of SYC, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$575 USD. A late fee of \$100 USD will be charged for payments received after September 1, 2022.

Competitors will receive:

- Friday Welcome event with BBQ reception at SYC
- Saturday dinner with entertainment at SYC
- Sunday awards with refreshments at SYC
- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at SYC, including all on site dining and bar services.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES AND SCORING

Per the Executive Committee Action, June 12, 2022.

8.1. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES (**Applicable for 70 boats or fewer**)

8.1.1. **Divisions** – All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall sail in the Championship Division.

8.1.2. **Qualifying Series** – There shall be no qualifying series for the 2022 North American Championship.

8.1.3. **Scoring (Applicable for 70 boats or fewer)**

The number of races scheduled shall be eight (8). If six (6) races or more are sailed than a competitor's worst race shall be dropped. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

8.2. QUALIFYING SERIES (**Applicable for 71 boats or more**)

8.2.1. **Qualifying Series Fleets** - In the event 71 boats or more are entered, there shall be a Qualifying Series. All boats entered in the 2022 North American Championship Regatta shall be divided into four equal flights and shall sail a Qualifying Series. Flights shall be rotated between races so that each Skipper will have an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Six (6) races shall be scheduled in the Qualifying Series, which shall be sailed in the first two days. If fewer than two (2) races have been sailed by any flights in the first two days, the Qualifying Series will continue on the third day. If, at the end of the Qualifying Series some flights have more race scores than others, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the Qualifying Series have the same number of race scores.

8.2.2. **Qualifying Series Scoring** – When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) Qualifying Series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst Qualifying Series score.

8.3. FINAL SERIES (**Applicable for 71 boats or more**)

8.3.1. **Final Series Fleets** — If, by the end of the second day, at least two (2) races have been sailed by all flights, the Qualifying Series will be terminated, and the boats will be split in Championship and President's Cup Fleets. The Championship and President's Cup fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the President's Cup fleet is not larger than the Championship fleet. Any recalculation of Qualifying Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Championship or President's Cup fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to the Champion fleet.

8.3.2. **Final Series Scoring** — If less than four (4) races in the Qualifying Series have been scored the Final Series will have three (3) races scheduled. If four (4) or more races have been completed in the Preliminary Series than the Final Series will have two (2) races scheduled. No Races in the Final Series may be discarded. The Qualifying Series races and the Final Series races will count for total points in the championship.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The number of races scheduled shall be 8, as described in Section 8.

9.2. The Race Committee will hold no more than three (3) races each day.

9.3. No Warning Signal will be made after 2:00pm Sunday, September 18th.

9.4. Schedule of Events

Day	Event	Time
Wednesday, 9/14	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (hull, safety check) Sail Measurement	1000 to 1700 1000 to 1630
Thursday, 9/15	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (all) Practice race	0900 to 1700 1430
Friday, 9/16	Competitors Meeting Races Welcome BBQ Reception	0900 First warning 1100 1830
Saturday 9/17	Races Dinner & Entertainment	First warning 1000 1830
Sunday, 9/18	Races No warning signal after Refreshments, Final awards	First warning 1000 1400 1530

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 10.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal. Boats, sails, and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.
- 10.2. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Spinnaker numbers shall be of a sufficiently contrasted color to make sail number identification possible.
- 10.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 10.4. Boats shall be available for measurement for 9/14 & 15 unless other arrangements are made with the OA.
- 10.5. Boats and Sails that have passed measurement during the following 2022 competitions may not have to be re-measured: Worlds (Masters and Regular), Women's, Junior and Masters North American Championship and Frigid Digit. All boats (except boats measured at the Frigid Digit, Sept 10-11, 2022) shall be weighed. Sails previously measured will need to be re-stamped (but not measured) in order to comply with the 5-sail limit in the Class rules. Sails not previously measured will require measurement.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 50 is not changed.

12. VENUE

Location of Sayville Yacht Club: [123 Boylan Lane, Blue Point, NY 11715](#)

13. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.3

14.2. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. As described in Section 8.
- 15.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 16.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.
- 16.2. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 16.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING [DP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are the Sayville Yacht Club.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The organizers plan to allow dry sailing for the event.

20. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

21. SECTION INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 8 teams.
- 24.2. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion, Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, and 3rd Runner-up.
- 24.3. Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.
- 24.4. Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- 24.5. Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the North American Championship who also skippered in the 2022 North American Masters Championship.
- 24.6. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 65th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A Corinthian sailor is an amateur sailor similar to World Sailing Sailor Classification Code Group 1.

25. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- 25.1. The NAC will serve as the US qualifier for the 2023 Lightning World Championship. US skippers will qualify in order of finish. Should this procedure fail to produce the number of qualifiers to which the Area is entitled, unused slots may be assigned by the Executive Committee. The exact number of US slots will be announced according to the Document Governing, but it is anticipated that 18 slots will be available to US Sailors. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.
- 25.2. The NAC will serve as a Country Qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games.
 - 25.2.1. For purposes of country qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games, the Qualifying System and Regatta Schedule, Sailing - 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, Chile (Qualifying System), shall apply. See <http://panamsailing.org>
 - 25.2.2. All events designated as qualifiers for the Pan American Games shall conform with the formats specified for those events in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event of the Qualifying System. For this North American Championship this means two (2) countries will Qualify from this regatta.
 - 25.2.3. Competitors intending to qualify a country in a SANTIAGO 2023 event for the Lightning which has been designated as MIXED in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event will be required to compete as MIXED in the Qualifying Regatta. In the Mixed Dinghy (regional) – Lightning event, MIXED is defined as 2 women and 1 man.
 - 25.2.4. A competitor may qualify a country for the 2023 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer.

Further Information

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NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

Portable Equipment

a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in the 2022 North Americans:
 - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
 - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance.
 - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
 - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
 - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
 - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
 - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
 - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.